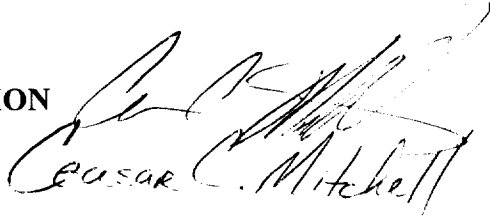


A RESOLUTION

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**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL INTERAGENCY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ("NIIMS") AS THE RECOGNIZED INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA FOR ALL CITY OF ATLANTA PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES, WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES DO THE SAME.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta (the "City") recognizes that the threat of terrorism and the public's awareness of that threat have increased in recent years, especially since September 11, 2001.

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes and commends the high caliber and quality of Atlanta's Public Safety Departments.

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the Federal Government's Homeland Security efforts and directive to implement a National Interagency Incident Management System ("NIIMS") to ensure efficient command and control of major emergencies.

**WHEREAS**, NIIMS is a standardized response management system. It is an "all hazard – all risk" approach to managing crisis response operations as well as non-crisis events.

**WHEREAS**, NIIMS was originally designed by a group of local, state, and federal agencies to improve the ability of fire forces to respond to any type of emergency. It is organizationally flexible and capable of expanding and contracting to accommodate responses or events of varying size or complexity.

**WHEREAS**, NIIMS consists of 5 major subsystems that collectively provide a total systems approach to all-risk incident management. These five subsystems are: Incident Command System, Training, Qualifications and Certification, Publication Management and Supporting Technology.

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the State of Georgia's efforts to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from, natural or man made disasters including terrorism, and the importance placed on Incident Management in all phases of a community's response to an emergency.

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that federal laws require the implementation of an Incident Management System when hazardous materials are involved.

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes and commends the efforts of Public Safety Agencies in Fulton County, in their preparation for the County Homeland Security Summit and accepts their

collective recommendation that all emergency incidents in Fulton County be managed using an Incident Management System.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the management of emergency incidents in the City will be conducted compliant with the National Interagency Incident Management System.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City directs all City agencies to train and operate within the Incident Management System and encourages all other municipalities to follow suit.